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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5356

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CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 12006

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SEATO

SUBJECT: SEATO: TRAINING EXERCISE PX-49

CINCPAC ALSO PASS POLAD

REF: A. STATE 149072 B. WELLINGTON 1999

1. BASED ON UK AND NEW ZEALAND MILAD REPLIES THAT THEY WERE DISINCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN PX-49 WITHOUT AUSTRALIAN DIRECTORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION, AND IN VIEW OF LACK OF ANY RESPONSE FROM US, SEATO CMPO RECOMMENDED ON JULY 30 THAT EXERCISE BE CANCELLED AND REQUESTED MILADS' AGREEMENT TO THIS BY AUGUST 8. (US POSITION RE PX-49, WHICH IS STILL OUTSTANDING, SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY THAT DATE.) CMPO, HOWEVER, HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASSURED USMILADREP THAT HE WOULD PREFER EXERCISE GO AHEAD WITH MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. MOREOVER, HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO DEFERRAL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IF PARTICIPANTS SO DESIRE.

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2. THAI MILADREP HAS STATED THAT RTG, WHOSE PARTICIPATION

WOULD BE MINIMAL, WOULD GO ALONG WITH POSTPONEMENT.

3. RE PARA 5, REFTEL B, NEW ZELAND MILADREP HAS RECEIVED
MESSAGE FROM HIS MILAD EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT SUFFICIENT
SUBMARINE ACTIVITY MAY BE LACKING TO WARRANT PLANNED
NEW ZEALAND ASW AIRCRAFT ROLE IN EXERCISE SHOULD AUSTRALIA
NOT PARTICIPATE.
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